xi. Kathalguri Power Project (60MW) has been commissioned.

xii. Various other economic development programmes have been undertaken in furtherance of PM's initiative of 1996 and Shillong Conference, 2000.

Clause 8 to 14—Other Issues:

xiii. The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests only with the Central Government.

xiv. Border fencing of 149.44 kms. out of 152.3 kms. sanctioned has been completed on Assam-Bangladesh border. 176 kms.of border roads have been completed. Proposal to fence the remaining 71.5 km. of border with Bangladesh have also been approved by the Government.

xv. Government has identified 28 BOPs as second line of defence to prevent infiltration. Of these 10 BOPs 5 each in Dhubri and Karimganj are already functioning.

xvi. Effective action has been taken to prevent encroachment of Government land and land in tribal belt and blocks.

xvii. Relevant laws restricting acquisition of immovable properties by foreigners in Assam are being enforced.

xviii. *Ex-gratia* payment was made to the next of kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.

xix. Disciplinary cases against employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.

xx. In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum to six years in the case of candidates who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to 15.8.1985.

xxi. NSA detenues detained in connection with agitation were released.

Missing of children in metropolitan cities

2403. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 15,000 children go missing from the country's six metropolitan cities every year;

(b) if so, how many of these missing children are traced and how many remain untraced;

(c) whether the police authorities are registering all the cases brought to their notice or majority of the cases are not registered as revealed by a team of experts under the aegies of the National Human Rights Commission; and

(d) how many cases relating to trafficking of children have been reported during the 2004 in the metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) A team of experts constituted by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has submitted a report on 'Trafficking in Women and Children in India'. As per this report, on an average, 15,407 children are reported missing every year from the six metropolitan cities and 5,833 children remain untraced every year. Law and Order is a State subject under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution and action for registration and investigation of alleged offences is taken by the appropriate authorities of the States/UT Administrations under the provisions of law whenever such incidents are brought to notice. Details regarding registration of cases of missing children and cases relating to trafficking of children are not centrally maintained.

The NHRC has received 7 complaints relating to immoral trafficking of children, from different States during the year 2004.

Sanction of BSF unit for Kerala

2404. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government sanctioned BSF unit for Kerala and if so,whether any steps have been taken by the State Government to sart the same;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala provided land for setting up of the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) for how many other States in the country BSF units were sanctioned at present and whether land was provided by all those Governments to set up the unit; and

(d) whether the Government finds any lapse on the part of States Government of Kerala to set up BSF unit?